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- A January 7 fire at an Appalachian Forest Products lumber plant in Mosheim, Tennessee, consumed 2 buildings and prompted the evacuation of 3 Greene County schools due to concerns of a chemical release. – *WJHL 11 Johnson City* (See item [10](#))
- A gunman died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after fatally shooting a doctor at the El Paso VA Health Care System clinic in west Texas January 6. – *USA Today* (See item [16](#))
- Over 300 vehicle crashes, including 30 involving school buses, were reported in Virginia January 6 following a winter storm that dumped several inches of snow on untreated roads. – *InsideNova.com* (See item [20](#))
- Authorities are investigating after an improvised explosive device detonated against the building that houses the office for the Colorado Springs, Colorado chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) January 6. – *Denver Post* (See item [27](#))

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Energy Sector

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Chemical Industry Sector

1. *January 6, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **Chemical cleanup workers still exposed to dangerous hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Dedicated TCS LLC January 6 for 7 repeat and 2 serious safety violations at the company's chemical tank cleaning site in Channahon following a July 2014 inspection that revealed worker exposures to dangerous confined space hazards. Proposed penalties total \$79,464.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27216
2. *January 6, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **OSHA cites MFG Chemical Inc. for repeated safety hazards after 2 workers injured, 1 fatally.** MFG Chemical Inc., was fined \$87,780 and cited for 17 safety and health violations following a July 2014 inspection of the company's facility in Dalton by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The investigation was initiated following a chemical release from an overpressurized reactor that resulted in the death of one worker and the injury of a second worker.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27213

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *January 6, CNNMoney* – (National) **Ford recalls SUVs because drivers are accidentally turning them off.** Ford announced that it is recalling around 13,500 model year 2015 Lincoln MKC vehicles due to the potential of drivers mistakenly pressing the push-button ignition and turning the vehicle off while accessing other buttons on a transmission and entertainment panel.
Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2015/01/06/autos/ford-push-button-ignition-recall/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

4. *January 7, Newnan Times-Herald* – (Georgia) **Forged gift card arrest made in Grantville.** Police in Grantville arrested a man after a search during a traffic stop yielded 210 fraudulent gift cards and other items January 4. Police believe that there may be a connection between the man and three others arrested the week of December 28 due to the same types of forged cards and cartons of cigarettes in their possession. Source: <http://www.times-herald.com/Local/20140107-forged-gift-card-arrest>
5. *January 7, Securityweek* – (International) **New Emotet variant targets banking credentials of German speakers.** Researchers with Microsoft identified a new variant of the Emotet banking malware dubbed Trojan:Win32/Emotet.C which was first seen in November and currently targets German-speaking individuals in several European countries. The malware is capable of stealing online banking login information as well as login information for email and messaging services. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/new-emotet-variant-targets-banking-credentials-german-speakers>
6. *January 6, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Thieves jackpot ATMs with ‘Black Box’ attack.** Researchers with NCR analyzed an attack on an ATM utilizing USB devices and physical access to disconnect an ATM from its computer and issue remote commands to the cash dispenser. The attack used a smartphone to issue commands from a remote attacker through a dynamic IP service, and a second USB device designed to trick the ATM into thinking it was still connected to its original computer. Source: <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/01/thieves-jackpot-atms-with-black-box-attack/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *January 6, Associated Press; KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (San Francisco) **Bay Area freeway reopens after man talked off overpass.** California Highway Patrol closed Interstate 280 at U.S. Highway 101 in San Francisco for more than 6 hours January 6 while officers negotiated down a man who was standing on the overpass. The man was taken into custody and all southbound lanes reopened. Source: <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/3341229-181/bay-area-freeway-reopens-after>
8. *January 6, Greene County Daily World* – (Indiana) **U.S. Highway 41 partially closed due to train-truck collision.** A collision between a semi-truck and a railroad train

closed portions of U.S. Highway 41 north of Shelburn for approximately 2 hours January 6. The Sullivan County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene and three non-life-threatening injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.gcdailyworld.com/story/2153480.html>

9. *January 6, USA Today* – (National) **Tuesday flight cancellations top 930 as cold moves in.** More than 930 flights were canceled at several major airports in the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest regions of the country due to a cold front January 6.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/todayinthesky/2015/01/06/trouble-spots-loom-for-tuesday-fliers-as-cold-moves-in/21327717/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *January 7, WJHL 11 Johnson City* – (Tennessee) **Crews battle fire at Mosheim lumber facility; nearby students bused to other schools.** A January 7 fire at an Appalachian Forest Products lumber plant in Mosheim consumed two buildings and prompted a HAZMAT team response due to concerns of a chemical release caused by explosive chemicals at the wood chopping business. Three Greene County schools were evacuated and students were relocated to another school as a precaution while crews responded to the blaze.
Source: <http://www.wjhl.com/story/27780382/multiple-units-called-in-to-battle-fire-at-mosheim-lumber-company>
11. *January 6, WNEM 5 Bay City* – (Michigan) **540 infected trees scheduled to be cut down at state park.** Crews began January 7 the process of cutting down and removing 540 trees that are dying due to an infestation of the invasive emerald ash borer insect from the Bay City State Recreation park in Bay County.
Source: <http://www.wnem.com/story/27776393/540-infected-trees-scheduled-to-be-cut-down-at-state-park>
12. *January 6, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Florida) **Temporary worker suffers permanent disability after packaging machine crushes him.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Ice River Springs January 6 for 3 safety violations after a temporary worker suffered permanent disability while clearing a jammed packaging machine at the water-bottle manufacturer's facility in High Springs, Florida. Proposed penalties total \$84,000.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27207
13. *January 6, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Foods Market voluntarily recalls Assorted Cookie Platters sold in Arizona, southern California, Hawaii and Nevada due to undeclared nut allergens.** The U.S. Food and Drug

Administration reported January 5 that Whole Foods Market recalled all sizes of its Assorted Cookie Platters sold at the company's stores in Arizona, southern California, Hawaii, and Nevada, beginning November 24 due to undeclared nut allergens. One illness was reported in connection with the mislabeling issue and the company has removed the affected product from the stores' shelves.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm429172.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *January 6, KSWB 69 San Diego* – (California) **Sewage spill pollutes Carlsbad beach.** A gate valve failed to close at a treatment plant in Carlsbad January 6 causing wastewater to overflow, spilling 125 gallons of sewage into Encina Creek which empties into the Carlsbad State Beach area. Pollution hazard signs will stand around the creek until tests deem area safe for recreational use.

Source: <http://fox5sandiego.com/2015/01/06/sewage-spill-pollutes-ocean-near-carlsbad/>

15. *January 6, Richmond Palladium-Item* – (Indiana) **Boil advisory issued for Mount Auburn.** The Cambridge City Water Department ordered a precautionary boil advisory January 6 for Mount Auburn until January 8 after water pressure fell overnight January 5.

Source: <http://www.pal-item.com/story/news/local/2015/01/06/boil-advisory-issued-mount-auburn/21335257/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *January 7, USA Today* – (Texas) **Gunman, one other dead after El Paso VA shooting.** A gunman died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after shooting and killing a doctor at the El Paso VA Health Care System clinic in west Texas January 6. Police secured the scene and the clinic will remain closed January 7.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/01/06/active-shooter-reported-at-el-paso-military-hospital/21358703/>

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *January 6, KNTV 11 San Jose* – (California) **3 San Carlos schools closed due to water main break.** Tierra Linda Middle School, Charter Learning Center, and Edison Montessori School in San Carlos were forced to close January 6 due to a water main break that cut off water service.

Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Tierra-Linda-Middle-3-San-Carlos-Schools-Closed-Due-to-Water-Main-Break-287654351.html>

18. *January 6, Seaside Courier* – (California) **Carlsbad High to reopen Wednesday following online threat.** Carlsbad High School and Carlsbad Village Academy in California will resume classes January 7 after a hoax bomb threat made on social media prompted officials to evacuate students January 5 and cancel classes January 6.
Source: http://www.seasidecourier.com/news/carlsbad-high-to-reopen-wednesday-following-online-threat/article_028aa8fa-95e0-11e4-a5ef-13a12c7808f9.html
19. *January 6, Associated Press* – (New York) **1 dead, kids hurt after school buses collide in Rochester.** The bus driver of a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School No. 9 bus suffered an apparent heart attack before the vehicle crashed into another school bus and a tree in Rochester January 6, leaving 8 students and 1 other adult injured.
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/new-york/2015/01/06/dead-kids-hurt-school-buses-collide-rochester/21356815/>
20. *January 6, InsideNova.com* – (Virginia) **Dozens of school buses involved in crashes Tuesday morning.** Over 300 vehicle crashes, including 30 involving school buses, were reported in Virginia January 6 following a winter storm that dumped several inches of snow on untreated roads. A number of counties also cancelled classes or issued delays for students.
Source: http://www.insidenova.com/headlines/major-school-districts-open-on-time-during-snow-lawmaker-calls/article_204ac052-95b6-11e4-8dd9-73640a723ffc.html

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

21. *January 7, Help Net Security* – (International) **HuffPo visitors targeted with malvertising, infected with ransomware.** Cyphort Lab researchers identified a malvertising campaign that placed malicious ads on the Web sites of the Huffington Post and Gamezone.com by abusing the advertising.com ad network. The campaign began December 31 and used the Neutrino or Sweet Orange exploit kits to attempt to serve the Kovter ransomware.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2936
22. *January 7, Securityweek* – (International) **CryptoWall 2.0 ransomware capable of executing 64-bit code: Cisco.** Researchers with Cisco's Talos Group published an analysis of the CryptoWall 2.0 ransomware and found that it contains several anti-sandbox and anti-security features, as well as the ability to run 64-bit code from a 32-

bit dropper, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/cryptowall-20-ransomware-capable-executing-64-bit-code-cisco>

23. *January 6, Securityweek* – (International) **Wi-Fi password phishing attacks automated with new tool.** A researcher released a tool dubbed Wifiphisher that can automate WiFi network password phishing by deauthenticating users, setting up a matching rogue access point using the target's settings, and the performing a man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack using a fake firmware update notification.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/wi-fi-password-phishing-attacks-automated-new-tool>
24. *January 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Microsoft warns of malicious macros targeting users in the UK and the US.** Microsoft stated that it has observed two pieces of malware being spread via malicious emails that attempts to get users to enable macros in Microsoft Office programs in order to infect computers. The campaigns attempt to distribute the Adnel and Tarbir malware and have primarily targeted users in the U.S. and U.K.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Microsoft-Warns-of-Malicious-Macros-Targeting-Users-in-the-UK-and-the-US-469139.shtml>

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Communications Sector

25. *January 6, iFIBER ONE News* – (Washington) **Wilson Creek lost phone service after rodents chewed through line.** CenturyLink reported that 222 lines were cut and 9-1-1 service in Wilson Creek was lost January 5 due to rodents chewing on fiber optic cable. Service was restored January 6.
Source: http://www.ifiberone.com/news/wilson-creek-lost-phone-service-after-rodents-chewed-through-line/article_06a548ea-95e1-11e4-b46d-9f5a33d0ce5d.html
26. *January 6, WKRK 1320 AM Murphy* – (North Carolina) **Copper thieves to blame for recent telephone interruption.** Copper cables were stolen from Frontier Communications in Nantahala January 2 and Needmore December 30, disrupting communication services. Frontier Communications is working with law enforcement and scrap metal dealers to identify the culprits.
Source: <http://www.1320am.com/copper-thieves-to-blame-for-recent-telephone->

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *January 7, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **"Improvised explosive device" set off near Colorado Springs NAACP office.** Authorities are investigating after an improvised explosive device detonated against the building that houses the office for the Colorado Springs chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) January 6. Police are searching for a potential person of interest and are examining evidence from the scene.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_27267521/colorado-springs-police-responding-explosion-reports-at-naacp
28. *January 7, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Hartford fire displaces 25; more than six rescued.** Five residents were injured and 25 others were displaced from 17 units at a Hartford apartment building January 7 after a fire consumed one floor of the structure. Firefighters rescued at least 6 residents from the burning building, and the cause of the blaze is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.courant.com/breaking-news/hc-hartford-fire-0108-20150107-story.html>
29. *January 6, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Taylor homes evacuated for gas leak.** More than 100 residents were evacuated from a housing complex in Taylor due to a nearby gas leak caused by a broken fuel pipe January 6. Utility crews continued to work January 7 to cap the leak before residents could return to the housing complex.
Source: <http://wnep.com/2015/01/06/taylor-homes-evacuated-for-gas-leak/>

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